

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A driving method of a liquid crystal element for allowing said liquid crystal element to display a level of grayscale, said liquid crystal element displaying throughout a frame period by switching ON-state said liquid crystal element during a period corresponding to grayscale data that defines said level of grayscale, said method comprising:

sequentially selecting, according to said grayscale data, a plurality of first sub-field periods continuous with respect to one another and a plurality of second sub-field periods continuous with respect to one another used for securing a period corresponding to said grayscale data, said plurality of second sub-field periods following consecutively said plurality of first sub-field periods, each of said plurality of second sub-field periods being substantially ~~corresponding equal~~ to a length of a sum of said plurality of first sub-field periods and any one of the first sub-field periods, in a direction from a first sub-field period and a second sub-field period positioned on a boundary of said plurality of first sub-field periods and said plurality of second sub-field periods toward a first sub-field period and a second sub-field period at a position most remote from said boundary; and

driving by switching ON-state said electro-optic element during said sub-field periods selected.

2. (Previously Presented) The driving method of a liquid crystal element according to Claim 1, said plurality of first sub-field periods and said plurality of second sub-field periods being included in a same frame period.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The driving method of a liquid crystal element according to Claim 1, in said driving step, a period during which said liquid crystal element is switched ON-state being inserted in said boundary regardless of said grayscale data.

6-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The driving method of a liquid crystal element according to Claim 1,

said grayscale data being composed of N bits (N is an integer not less than 2) to define a level of grayscale having 2 to the  $N^{\text{th}}$  power kinds;

high-order M bits in said N bits defining a level of grayscale said plurality of second sub-field periods should display;

low-order (N – M) bits in said N bits defining a level of grayscale said plurality of first sub-field periods should display; and

said M is an optimal solution of M given on an assumption that said frame period includes  $(2^{N-M} - 1)$  first sub-field periods.

13. (Previously Presented) The driving method of a liquid crystal element according to Claim 1,

said grayscale data being composed of N bits (N is an integer not less than 2) to define a level of grayscale having 2 to the  $N^{\text{th}}$  power kinds;

a length of each of said second sub-field periods being equal to a length of a period to display a level of grayscale defined by a least significant bit in high-order M bits in said N bits;

the number of said plurality of second sub-field periods being equal to a maximum value specified by said M bits;

a length of each of said first sub-field periods being equal to a length of a period to display a level of grayscale defined by a least significant bit in low-order  $(N - M)$  bits in said  $N$  bits; and

the number of said plurality of first sub-field periods being equal to a maximum value specified by said  $(N - M)$  bits.

14-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A driving device of a liquid crystal element for allowing said liquid crystal element to display a level of grayscale said liquid crystal element displays throughout a frame period by switching ON-state said liquid crystal element during a period corresponding to grayscale data that defines said level of grayscale, said device comprising:

a selecting circuit that sequentially selects, according to said grayscale data, a plurality of first sub-field periods continuous with respect to one another and a plurality of second sub-field periods continuous with respect to one another used for specifying the period corresponding to said grayscale data, said plurality of second sub-field periods following consecutively said plurality of first sub-field periods, each of said plurality of second sub-field periods being substantially corresponding equal to a length of a sum of said plurality of first sub-field periods and any one of first sub-field periods, in a direction from a first sub-field period and a second sub-field period positioned on a boundary of said plurality of first sub-field periods and said plurality of second sub-field periods toward a first sub-field period and a second sub-field period at a remotest position from said boundary; and

a driving circuit that switches ON-state said electro-optic element during said sub-field periods selected.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) Electronic equipment, comprising:

a display device, including a plurality of liquid crystal elements aligned in a matrix, that displays an image related to said electronic equipment; and

said driving device of a liquid crystal element according to Claim 30.

34-35. (Canceled)